REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. No new matter is being added by virtue of the claim amendments.

Various claim features are recited above, and are not disclosed and are not suggested by the previously-cited references. For example, the previously-cited Rowley reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030009754) is directed to a method of installing a supervisory process control software from a central server to a remote computer. In Rowley, the source computer transmits a list of required software to the target computer (step 1810), the target computer determines which software modules in the transmitted list is not present in the target computer (step 1820) by examining the software module registry or by traversing the directory structure in the target computer, the target computer then transmits (to the source computer) a return message identifying the software modules that are not in the received transmitted list (step 1840), and the source computer then packages and sends the missing software modules that are identified in the return message so that the target computer receives the missing software modules (step 1850). Rowley does not disclose and does not suggest in permitting deployment of a target data processing system if there is a match between attributes of a package of deployment information, and Rowley does not disclose and does not suggest in suspending the deployment of the target data processing system if there is no match between attributes of a package of deployment information. Accordingly, Rowley does not

disclose and does not suggest various features recited in claims 1, 8, 14, 27, and 34.

As another example, the previously-cited Fleming reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030070065) is directed to a system that stores an image of the system in a non-volatile memory when there is a reduced power state, so that the system can later be re-initialized without rebooting. However, Fleming does not disclose and does not suggest various features recited in claims 1, 8, 14, 27, and 34 such as for example, the above-mentioned attributes comparison features.

The various dependent claims also recite features that are not disclosed and are not suggested by the previously-cited references.

Accordingly, the pending claims are each patentable over the previously-cited references, considered singly or in combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.
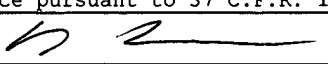
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